

Page 7, second complete paragraph, please substitute the following:

c1
Slide block 28 further has as a part thereof or attached thereto at least one and, preferably, a pair of mounting lugs 30. Mounting lugs 30 and bolts 32 combined constitute guides for the bolt 32. Mounting lugs 30 each support an assembly of a bolt 32, a coil compression spring 34, and a foot block 36. The bolt 32 extends through mounting lugs 30 and may translate therethrough. Bolt 32 is surrounded by spring 34 and is threaded into or otherwise attached to foot block 36 and tightened to pre-stress the spring 34 to a level that the combined compression pre-stress of multiple springs 34 exceeds the force necessary to overcome the frictional disengagement forces necessary to disconnect the connector 12 and mating connector 14.

Page 8, first paragraph, please substitute the following:

c2
In order to clamp the electronic circuit card 18 onto electronic circuit card support 38, the foot blocks 36 are lowered by lowering slide block 28. [[38,]] thus engaging foot blocks 36 with the electronic circuit card 18. Continued downward movement of slide block 28 will compress springs 34, thereby progressively increasing force of foot blocks 36 upon the electronic circuit card 18.

Page 9, second complete paragraph, please substitute the following:

c3
The foot block 36 may be fashioned with a reduced or small area foot surface 37 to engage a small or reduced area on the electronic circuit card 18 surface, thereby concentrating the holding force onto a small unpopulated region of the electronic circuit card 18. A smaller engagement area avoids damage to any of the circuit lands or electronic components with which an electronic circuit card is normally populated.